REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of April 5th, 2004

Taking the Worst of the Worst off the Streets

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force

Sulayman Akbar was arrested by members of the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force in Washington, DC on 04/08/04. He was released from prison in April of 2001 after serving 15 years on a 28 year sentence for rape and theft convictions. He violated parole by using cocaine and missing drug treatment meetings. While task force officers were looking for Akbar in his apartment building, Akbar committed an armed robbery in the apartment building next door. Task force officers responded to the victim who identified Akbar as the person who had committed the robbery. An extensive search was conducted of the two buildings by USMS, U.S. Capitol Police and the Metropolitan Police Department. Akbar was arrested three hours later by CARFTF members in one of the building elevators. Akbar was subsequently charged with the physical assault of a woman in the same building the previous week. Akbar is a career criminal with an extensive criminal history dating back to 1972.



Sulayman Akbar

Wanted for Parole
Violation-Rape, Assault
Armed Robbery

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

On Sunday, 4-4-04, Springfield, Illinois homicide detectives requested assistance from the Great Lakes Regional Task Force (GL RFTF) in locating Robert Boner. Earlier that day Rebecc Dyer was found murdered by strangulation and Boner was a primary suspect. Task Force members developed possible locations for Boner in three Southern Illinois counties and sent teams to those locations. Task Force members also learned that Boner was wanted in Perry County for Aggravated Robbery. At the direction of the GLRTF, a Union County Deputy Sheriff interviewed an associate in Jonesboro, IL., approx. 150 miles South of Springfield, and learned that Boner had been in the area. Shortly after the interview a Union County Deputy spotted Boner walking towards the associate's residence and placed him under arrest. Boner was in possession of the victim's keys and cell phone during the arrest. The victim's car was later found in Jonesboro. Boner was charged with murder on 4-5-04.



Robert Boner

Aggravated Robbery and
Suspect in Murder

Los Angeles Regional Fugitive Task Force

Antonio Vasquez-Ochoa, 49, wanted for his alleged involvement in the notorious torture and murder of a drug enforcement agent was arrested on April 9, 2004 by members of the Los Angeles Regional Fugitive Task Force while working at a local transmission shop. He was allegedly living and working in the United States illegally and using several aliases. Vasquez-Ochoa had been wanted by the United States Marshals Service since 1991. An indictment warrant alleged Vasquez-Ochoa assisted aided and abetted the Guadalajara Narcotics Cartel managed by Rafael Caro-Quintero, Miguel Angel Felix-Gallardo and Juan Matta-Ballesteros. The indictment alleges Vasquez-Ochoa willfully participated in the 1984 murder of John Walker, an American, and Alberto Radelat, a United States permanent resident alien, both working for the DEA. Both were machine-gunned while sitting in their vehicle. In 1985, the Guadalajara Cartel was responsible for the kidnapping, torture, interrogation and murder of DEA Special Agent Enrique Camarena-Salazar and his pilot Alfredo Zavala-Avelar.



Antonio Vasquez-Ochoa

Wanted for charges related to the murder and torture of two Federal agents

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

On April 6th, 2004, members of the NY/NJ RFTF, members of the USMS Electronic Surveillance Unit, and members of the Capital District Violent Crimes Fugitive Task Force arrested Wesley Keene in Albany, New York. Keene is a violent felon and holds a high rank in the Bloods street gang. Keene's criminal history started with an armed robbery at the age of ten. Wesley Keene was wanted by Suffolk County, NY for failing to appear after accepting a plea bargain and sentence of 8-16 years on attempted criminal sale of a controlled substance 3rd degree. The original charge of CSCS 1st degree involved the sale of a kilo and a half of cocaine. After accepting the plea bargain, Keene was released on bail, awaiting his commitment. Keene never showed for commitment and while on bail, committed an armed robbery involving shots being fired. Utilizing electronic surveillance methods, a location for Keene was ascertained and he was taken into custody without incident.



Wesley Keene

Wanted for Failure to
Appear on Narcotics
Charges, Armed Robbery

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force

On Tuesday, April 6, 2004, members of the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF), in conjunction with members of Delaware's USMS First State Fugitive Task Force, arrested fugitive Craig Ellerbe at an apartment in Atlanta, Georgia. Ellerbe was wanted in Delaware on numerous state narcotics charges, including drug trafficking. On Monday, April 5th, several members of the Delaware State Police and First State Task Force flew to Atlanta and coordinated with members of the SERFTF. After several investigative leads provided a possible location for Ellerbe, surveillance was initiated. After a short period, Ellerbe was observed entering an apartment complex in a black Acura. He was arrested without incident and taken to a local jail where he received an expedited court hearing to arrange for his extradition back to Delaware. Because of the arrest of Ellerbe, twenty-two sealed indictments of co-defendants can now be unsealed and their arrests affected.



Craig Ellerbe

Wanted for Narcotics
Charges, including Drug
Trafficking